

PER MONTH.

Intimations.

CITY HALL THEATRE.
GREAT SUCCESS AND FLATTERING RECEPTION
OF
SMITH'S ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL
COMBINATION.
WHO will have the honor of making their
SECOND APPEARANCE
THIS EVENING, FRIDAY, APRIL 24th NEXT, 1874.
The Company consists of
The A. DE CASTRO FAMILY of MALE
and FEMALE ACOBASTS, recognized as the
the pipes will play all the latest & latest.
The graceful and talented LAID ACOBAST.
"LOYAL" KING of the Air (Thompson)
Gymnast and daring Rider of the World,
MADAME ZUZZI, the Queen of the
most graceful and daring Laide Gymnast living.
YOUNG ENGLAND.
ALBERTO and ANNETTE,
The royal couple of the Laide.

PTER, the accomplished
MR. F. M. L. PAN

Character Dancer and Pantomimist.
MASTEE MOLEMAN, the Dancing SPIDER.
YOUNG AUSTRALIA.
 The smallest Acrobat in the world.
 Doors open at 8.30 P.M., to commence at 9.
 Dances and Sports can be secured at Messrs
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s.
 Prices of Admission—Dress Circle, \$2; Stalls,
 \$2; Second Seats, \$1.
 P. H. KIRBY, Manager.
 2008 Hongkong, 4th December. 1874.
FOR MANILA.
THE Steamship
"HAI-LOONG."

the 4th inst., at noon.
Eight of Passage apply

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
2d 2905 Hongkong, 3rd December, 1874.
FOR SHANGHAI.
THE British Steamship
"CROCUS."

NDAY, the 6th instant
right on Passage only

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.
3d 2010 Hongkong, 4th December, 1874.
FOR AMOY.
THE Steamer
"MACTAN"
will be despatched for the above Port on MON

Weight of Passage: apply

R. KIEHL.
 3d 2015 Hongkong, 4th December, 1874.
FOR MANILA.
THE Spanish Steamship
"FORMOSA."
 Captain Morales, will have immediate despatch
 for the above port.
 For Freight or Passage apply to
VUGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
 Agents.
 4 2015 Hongkong, 4th December, 1874.
STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
 Cargo at through rates for NAGASAKI
 and HIOGO.
DEE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

for the above place and
arrival with the next Eng

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 4th. December, 1874. [2011

YAMATO TOROHA
& O. S. N. Co.'s Steam

"ORISSA"
will leave for the above place shortly after the
arrival of the next English Mail.
A. McIVER, *Superintendent*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 4th December, 1874. [2012]

Notices to Consignees.

S. S. *CROCUS*, FROM LONDON, SINGAPORE,
PORE, &c.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed and stored at their risk
in the Godowns of the Underminded, from
whence delivery may be obtained.
Consignees wishing to take their Goods from
the boats alongside the wharf are at liberty to
do so.

the contrary, be given before

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents
7d 1981 Hongkong, 30th November, 1874.
**BRITISH SHIP WINDHOVER, FROM
LONDON.**

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned, for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

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7d 1972 Hongkong, 20th November, 1874.
BEITH'S STRANER FORMOSA, FROM
LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

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Steamer are hereby informed that the
Goods are being landed and stored at their risk
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When inland Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice
to the contrary is given, till 4 P.M. TO
DAY.

Goods remaining in store after the 5th
December will be subject to Rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
Wm. PUSLAI & Co.,
Agents.

1852 Hongkong, 25th November, 1874.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo, per British-Flagged
Steamer, Mackenzie, Master, from Lon-
don, are requested to take immediate delivery
of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo deposited on board will be delivered
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

Hongkong, 18th Novemb

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NEES of the following
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to the undersigned for countersignature, at the immediate delivery; this Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No fire insurance has been effected.

C. BERTRAND, *Principal Agent.*

Es "Donnai," 2nd July, 1874.
 ED, 185, ... 35 cwts. Bear.
 Es "Mekong," 19th November, 1874.
 G ... 670 pigs Leb.
 J ... 670
 Carrell } ... 2 boxes Lagagen.
 for Mrs. White }
 Hongkong, 24th November, 1874.

To be Let.

THE PREMISES at present occupied by THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Queen's Road.

Apply to G. FALCONER, at 1079 Hongkong, 7th July, 1874.

TO LET, A With Possession on 1st September, THE PREMISES at the Hongkong Dispensary.

Apply to A. S. WATSON & Co. at 1340 Hongkong, 27th August, 1874.

TO LET, From June next, OFFICES in the Building, Paddy's Wharf. Apply to LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. at 782 Hongkong, 19th May, 1874.

THE PREMISES situated in Queen's Road Central, known as the "CROWN AND ANCHOR TAVERN." Apply to GILMAN & Co. at 834 Hongkong, 28th May, 1874.

TO LET, With immediate possession, DWELLING HOUSES Nos. 2 and 3, Alexandra Terrace, which have lately been thoroughly repaired, and No. 10, Hollywood Road, Water and Gas laid on.

For Particulars, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co. at 883 Hongkong, 15th October, 1874.

TO LET, With immediate possession, THE Large and Commodious HOUSE No. 14, Ashburton Road, lately occupied by Mr. VAVOOR.

Apply to J. A. CARVALHO, at 1885 Hongkong, 10th November, 1874.

TO LET, THE whole or part of the Residence known as "THE HERMITAGE." Apply to T. ALLEN, at 977 Hongkong, 23rd June, 1874.

BIRTH, On the 3rd instant, at Hongkong, the wife of Monsieur DABY DE THIBESANT, of a son.

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We would advise our readers to go and see it for themselves, and we are sure they will concur in the very high opinion which has already been formed respecting it.

THE CHRONICLE & DIRECTORY, For 1875.

THE Publisher requests that those persons who have not yet returned the printed forms which have been sent to them to fill up, will be good enough to do so without delay. Any persons who have recently arrived, and to whom printed forms have not been sent, are respectfully requested to forward their names and addresses as early as possible for insertion.

Daily Press Office, Dec. 3rd, 1874.

CONTRARY to the principle usually set into practice, it is evident that in dealing with Chinese officials it is a mistake to take "No" for an answer. With ordinary people it is useless to re-open any question after so definite a reply has been given, and it is man who does so justly runs the risk of receiving somewhat short answers for his pains. But with the Chinese, a preliminary "No" amounts to very little more than a slight expression of dissent, and receiving a definite refusal at the outset is no reason for giving up immediately with respect to any given matter. The Chinese in fact seem to go upon something of the same principle as we understand is prevalent in Spain, where a man never expects that anybody will be so impulsive as to accept an invitation to dinner if only once given. The first request is simply meant to be refused as a matter of course, and it is not etiquette to accept until it has been pressed at least three or four times. The Chinese seem to look upon the requests of Foreign Ministers for commercial and other concessions in much the same way and give an answer in the negative as a matter of course, in order to start things on a fair basis. At least such would seem to be the case if we are to judge from what has taken place in regard to almost every request which has been made. Everything asked for was at first simply impossible, but somehow, after a due amount of pressure, the impossibilities have been got over.

If, as seems, according to the Northern papers, that another illustration has been given of the advantages of keeping up requests with the Chinese and the possibility that, like the unjust Judge, they will yield at last to our importunity. There is it is stated, at last some chance that steps will be taken for the dredging of the Woosung Bar. The *N. Y. Daily News*, which makes the statement, may well think that the news is too good to be true; but it is not impossible that the Chinese have recently seen that they are not in a position to act in quite so high-handed a manner towards foreigners, and that it is policy on their part to avoid the possibility of complications arising. The Japanese affair must have fully convinced them that for a moment's time they could not for a moment cope with any European Power in the event of hostilities breaking out, and the shrewdness and common sense which, notwithstanding all their prejudices, underlie the Chinese character, must convince them that the perpetual refusal of reasonable demands can have no other result than ultimately to bring on hostilities. Under these circumstances, they may have been disposed to yield upon the point, and must have at least felt the full absurdity of Prince Kung's last despatch upon the subject, in which he hints in an unmistakable way, that the result of Foreigners pressing further for the Woosung Bar being cleared would be to go to war. It is possible also that some little feeling of gratitude to the British Minister for having happily got them out of a very unpleasant scrape, may have something to do with the rumored concession.

We trust sincerely that the report may prove well founded, as there can assuredly be no valid reason why so simple a concession should not be made to the wants of commerce. One thing was made clear by the correspondence which was published in the report of the recent Consular Meeting at Shanghai, and that is that the local officials had paid very little attention to the matter before they sent in their report on the subject. They had not obtained any proper survey nor

had they learnt the true bearing of the matter. It is to be hoped that upon re-investigation they have found out the absurdity of the position they at first took up, and that, though tardily, the Chinese Government may afford a little yield to a request, of which, when they are thoroughly informed of its nature, it is impossible for them to deny the reasonableness and necessity.

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The *Admiral* and *Hongkong* have passed through the Canal.

The Bank rate of discount in London, on the 30th ult., was 6 per cent.

The steamship *China* left Shanghai for this port on the 1st instant, and the *Chingking* on the 2nd.

The *Hongkong* French Mail, with dates from China to 22nd Oct., was delivered in London on the 30th ult.

Wire advice inform us of the departure of the steamer *Ly-on*, from Singapore, on the 2nd instant, for this port.

Shipments of Mail, from Bombay, by the mail steamer, on the 30th ult., have been 1,800 chests for Hongkong and 500 chests for Shanghai.

We learn that the Portuguese Amateurs, by kind request, will give a performance on Saturday night next at the Lusitane Theatre. The piece requested to be played is "Lucretia Borgia," and it is expected the Governor of Macao will honor the occasion with his presence.

It is rumored that the *Brabant*, a fine new steamer belonging to the Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Company, which recently arrived at Singapore from London, will come on here, and leave in time to take the mail from England, which is to be sent on the 1st of January to Australia, Torres Straits, and New Zealand.

We are glad to learn that the *Republic*, a fine new steamer, which was wrecked off the coast of China, has been repaired and is now on her way to Hongkong.

The *Band of His Majesty's 8th Regiment* will perform the following programme:—

Grand March, "L'Alcove." Nymphs, Overture, "Othello." Rossini. Grand Selection, "Raisonnance de Verdi." Gailfry. Selection, "Scherzo." Schumann. Selection, "Duet." Strauss. Selection, "Duet." Strauss. "God Save the Queen."

W. W. FRANKS, Bandmaster.

Just about the opening performance of the

TRAVELLING COMPANY

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THE MONEY MARKET.

The *Economist*, of October 10th in an article on "the rise in the value of money in Germany" says that "the value of money in Germany is plain that coin and bullion are steadily diminishing in Germany at the same time the demand for foreign money is increasing. It is true that the German Government, with its metallic reserves has a large stock of gold and silver, but it is very doubtful whether it will cover and above its magnitude. It is gold which is leaving Germany, and it is gold which is the most important should Germany. Silver is not so much in demand, and the export of silver is the gold currency which the German Government is taken away from them, and the old silver coin, which they desire to be rid of stays with it and is even retained to some time. The Government, in January, 1875, the Berlin Government, as far as Prussia is concerned, proposes to be rid of the double currency, to have only gold as a principal coin, and to demonetize the silver coin. It is very probable that the Government may think that there may at the beginning of the new year be a very severe tightness in the German Money Market, because silver will then no longer be money, except in a petty way; gold will be the only money, and it is very probable that there may not be enough gold. This calamity, if it never occurs, is of course yet distant. The present danger is one comparatively of minor consequences. In general, the gold market is well supplied. The gold from Germany and from foreign countries would make money demand in Germany, but its import into foreign countries would make it correspondingly cheaper in Germany. The gold market is well supplied in one place, the means of supplying it would be wanted in others. At present, undoubtedly, the natural operation is somewhat counteracted, because some of the German gold is exported. The suspension of specie payments then does not produce the whole effect on the French or the European money market which it otherwise would. Still to a considerable extent this is the case. The suspension of specie payments must be taken account of. The only difficulty in our situation is caused by the insufficient amount of the Bank reserve. The *Economist* does not least think that it would have been better if the Government had not suspended specie payments, that option is not weakened, but much confirmed, by what has since occurred.

The sweet orb of life—The honeymoon.
The worst sort of gravity—Never laugh at your own jokes.
The article chiefly sold at most fairs—The visitor.
The man who works with a "will"—The probable judge.
A good kitchen-keeper is a man that one can always put up with.
"Laughorisms" is the heading of a column in a California paper.
Twenty-six prisoners have escaped from the gaol at Toledo, Ohio, by a well-planned scheme.
There is said to be a wonderful girl in Ohio who can blindfold, and tell colors by touch.
The take of salmon this year in the Seven fishery districts has exceeded by 6,000 fish that of last year.

EXPORT ORDERES.

Per French Academy Pelto, for Saigon and
Marseilles—

Per MARSEILLES—648 bales Silk; 43 bales
Wool; 37 bales Cocoons; 7 chests S. W.
Bugs; 1 chest Pongees; 1 chest T. W.
5 chests T.; 273 chests Sandals.

Per London—336 bales Silk; 19,974 boxes
Tun; 1,612 chests Tun; 1,698 chests Tun; 455
chests Sandals; 5 chests Treasures.

Per British Liqueur Tins, for Sydney—

6,586; 36 lbs Rice, each 1 lb 30; 1,061 rolls
Mung; 100 lbs Rice, each 1 lb 30; 39 lbs. Fra
Mung; 230 boxes French Ginger; 130
baskets Gimp; 40 bundles Rattan; 34 ponies;
40 pkgs. Hemp; 50 chests Rattan Baskets; 30
canses Camphor wood Trunks; 25 chests of
Camphor; 2 pkgs. Tobacco; 200 Bunch
Chairs; 30 pkgs. Rice Flour; 820 pkgs. Sandries;
2,239 pkgs. Footboon Congon; 108 Chest T.; 415
pkgs. Tea unknown.

EXCHANGE.	
ON LONDON.—	
Bank Bills, on demand,	4/18
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight,	4/14
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight,	4/12 to 4/23
Credits, at 6 months' sight,	4/23
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight,	4/22 to 4/27
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, on demand 22½	
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, on demand 22½	
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, sight,	73½
Private, 30 days' sight,	73½

SHARES.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—5 per cent. premium.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton, new shares—\$50 per share, premium.
 Anglo-Victoria Insurance Company's Shares—\$100 per share.
 China and Japan Marine Insurance (Ltd.) 78 per share.
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$198 to \$200 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$325 per share.
 Chinese Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$134 per share.
 Victoria Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$127 per share.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Dock Company's Shares—7½ per cent. discount.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—18 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong Steam Navigation Company's Shares—70 per cent. discount.
 (Hongkong) Gas Company's Shares—\$75 per share.
 Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$55 per share and discount.
 Indo-Chinese Sugar Company—\$7 per share

As reported by Chinese.

Red Feet, 50 bags, at \$2.60, by Chun-fong to travelling trader.

Biche de mer, 10 bags, at \$12.00, by Chun-fong to travelling trader.

Cuttisfish, 20 bags, at \$20.50, by Chun-fong to travelling trader.

Dried Lily Flowers, 10 bags, at \$12.40, by Chun-fong to travelling trader.

Black Dates, 10 bags, at Tls 2.4.0.0, by Chun-fong to travelling trader.

Brufish, 1 case, at \$42.00, by Chun-fong to travelling trader.

Vernichin, 130 bags, at \$7.50, by Chun-fong to travelling trader.

Red Dates, 50 bags, at Tls 2.8.0.0, by Yee-koo to travelling trader.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.					
DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DISPATCHED
LONDON via SUEZ CANAL	Douglas (str.)	Admiral Hall & Co.	Butterfield & Swire.		On or about 7th inst.
Do Do	Brazier (str.)	Wm. Hall & Co.	Quick despatch.		Quick despatch.
LONDON	Arion	Robert Clasper	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Albion	W. H. Thomas	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Mathilda Ateling	Whereat	Hongkong	A. Macg. Heaton	Quick despatch.
Do	Erasmus Oude	James Dool	Whampoa	M. Macg. Heaton	Quick despatch.
Do	Titania	England	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
HAMBURG	Therese	C. Jensen	Whampoa	Wm. Patten & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Beecham	Blackstone	Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Hain	Le Moult	Whampoa	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Phanios	England	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Friedrick Tudor	Beane	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Colorado (str.)	P. M. S. S. Co.			On 9th inst., at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, BOMBAY & CALCUTTA	Geelong (str.)	C. Fraser	P. & O. S. N. Co.		On 10th inst., at noon.
SINGAPORE AND PENANG	Parouca (str.)	Fouché	Messageries Maritimes.		To-day, at noon.
SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE, &c.	Meikong (str.)	Viduastranga	Hongkong	Quick despatch.	On or about 23rd inst.
DALLAO	Callao	Abbot	Hongkong	Douglas Lapraut & Co.	To-day, at noon.
MANILA	Parouca (str.)	Carles	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Yila de Riviera (str.)	Flamank	Hongkong	Burnell & Co.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO	Morgel (str.)	Stevens	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Augustine Heard & Co.	On or about 8th inst.
YOKOHAMA	Adria (str.)	Stevens	Birtley & Co.	Messageries Maritimes.	Quick despatch.
Do	Ly-se-moon (str.)	Pengalini	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Messageries Maritimes.	Quick despatch.
Do	Agnes (str.)	Repatel	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.	Quick despatch.
Do	Orissa (str.)	Thibet (str.)	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	Eschenbo (str.)	Quillat (str.)	Hongkong	Wm. Patten & Co.	Quick despatch.
Do	Quillat (str.)	Croisa (str.)	Hongkong	Gilman & Co.	On 6th inst., at daylight.
Do	Croisa (str.)	Muelan (str.)	Hongkong	H. Kier	On 7th inst., at 2 P.M.
YAMOI					

